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#### ABSTRACT:

A feature for a navigation system that provides an evaluation of alternate routes. According to this feature, the navigation system compares the actual time of travel along a route to the estimated time of travel along the route. If the actual time of travel exceeds the estimated time of travel, alternate routes to the destination are calculated and provided to the user. This feature enables driver-experienced traffic conditions to be taken into account.

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### Detailed Description Text (6):

In order to provide <u>navigation</u> features to an end user, the <u>navigation</u> system 10 uses geographic data 50. The geographic data 50 includes information about one or more geographic regions or coverage areas. The geographic data 50 may be stored in the vehicle 12 or, alternatively, the geographic data 50 may be stored remotely and made available to the <u>navigation</u> system 10 in the vehicle 12 through a <u>wireless</u> communication system which may be part of the navigation system 10. In another alternative, a portion of the geographic data 50 may be stored in the vehicle 12 and a portion of the geographic data 50 may be stored in a remote location and made available to the navigation system 10 in the vehicle 12 over a wireless communication system from the remote location.

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### Detailed Description Text (41):

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 6, at least a portion of the network 350 includes a wireless portion 352. The wireless portion 352 of the data network 350 enables twoway communication between the navigation system 112 and the service provider 109 while the vehicle 113 is located anywhere in the region 100. The wireless portion 352 may be implemented by any suitable form of wireless communications, including cellular, PCS, satellite, FM, radio, or technologies that may be developed in the future. The wireless portion 352 may include one or more transmitters 356, such as a transponder tower, an antenna tower, an FM tower, satellites, or other suitable means. The transmitters 356 include an appropriate communication link 358 to the service provider 109. This link 358 may be land-based or may be wireless. The transmitters 356 include suitable technology that enables two-way communication between the service provider 109 and the <u>navigation</u> system unit 112 in the vehicle 113.

# Detailed Description Text (42):

In FIG. 1, the <u>navigation</u> system units 112 in the other vehicles 113 in the region 100 that are serviced by the service provider 109 may also communicate with the service provider 109 over the data network 350. The other vehicles 113 in the region 100 that are serviced by the service provider 109 may also use the same means of wireless communication 352 to communicate over the data network 350 with the service provider 109. Alternatively, other vehicles 113 that are serviced by the service provider 109 may use other means of wireless communication to connect to the data network 350 and/or communicate with the service provider 109.

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